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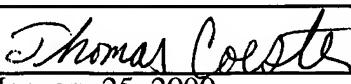
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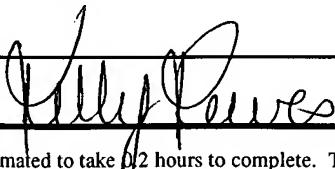
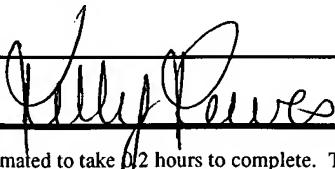
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1. Filing Fee

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101	690	201	345	Utility filing fee	
106	310	206	155	Design filing fee	
107	480	207	240	Plant filing fee	
108	690	208	345	Reissue filing fee	
114	150	214	75	Provisional filing fee	
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2. Claims

Total Claims	*	Extra	Fee from Below	Fee Paid
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Multiple Dependent Claims

Large Entity Code	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description
103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	78	202	39	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	260	204	130	Multiple dependent claim
109	78	209	39	Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	Reissue claims in excess of 20 & over original patent
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3 Additional Fees

Large Entity Code	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
105	130	205	65	Surcharge-late filing fee or oath	
127	50	227	25	Surcharge-late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
147	2520	147	2520	For filing a request for reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1840*	113	1840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within 1st month	
116	380	216	190	Extension for reply within 2nd month	
117	870	217	435	Extension for reply within 3rd month	
118	1360	218	680	Extension for reply within 4th month	
128	1850	228	925	Extension for reply within 5th month	
119	300	219	150	Notice of Appeal	
120	300	220	150	Filing a brief in support of appeal	
121	260	221	130	Request for oral hearing	
138	1510	138	1510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to Revive-unavoidable	
141	1210	241	605	Petition to Revive-unintentional	
142	1210	242	605	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	430	243	215	Design issue fee	
144	580	244	290	Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	50	123	50	Petitions related to provisional applications	
126	240	126	240	Submission of IDS	
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property	
146	760	246	380	Filing a submission after final rejection	
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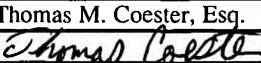
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